

SHORTCOMINGS OF HER HUSBAND'S FRIENDS....

When Mrs. Kercheval said that her Clem's friends should be her friends, no less dear to her than to him, she undoubtedly meant it and honestly tried to like them. In some instances she succeeded, but those who were lucky enough to come into her good graces were not the ones who had been closest to Clem, after all, and Clem, realizing this perfectly well, yet took the matter with a great deal of philosophy. "A man would be a fool to expect anything else," he said on one occasion. "It is natural that a woman should want to be the whole thing to the chap she has married for her own and the feeling ought to be encouraged. She considers, properly enough, that it is a sort of unkindness to have in common with a third party all kinds of sympathies and affinities and associations in which she cannot share. She feels that she is to some extent an outsider, and she doesn't like that to any extent, however magnanimous she may be. I understood that before I married, and I made up my mind that, as much as I think of you, it wouldn't be any particular sacrifice to pass you up. You will feel the same way yourself when your time comes, and your wife will feel that way, too. If you realize that at the start, as I did, you will save yourself some trouble."

The man he was talking to said that that was all right and that he wasn't losing any sleep or appetite on account of Clem's neglect; that, in fact, it was something of a relief to be neglected.

At the same time Kercheval had fondly hoped that things might have been different, especially in view of the generous declaration his bride has made. He had spoken to her about this particular friend, not a great deal, certainly, for the reason that after a certain stage of their acquaintance they rarely talked about anything or anybody but themselves; still, he had found time to say what a good fellow Pugh was and how they had always trotted together from the time they first met in their freshman days; also he had indulged in some of the scraps into which they had got.

Mrs. Kercheval listened very sympathetically and protested that she was dying to see Mr. Pugh, and that she knew that he must be nice or her Clem would never have chosen him for a friend, and when Pugh did call she was very lovely to him. After he had gone and the street door had closed on him, Kercheval turned to his wife with a glow of pleased anticipation on his face and said: "Well, what do you think of him, little woman?"

The lady raised her delicate eyebrows the merest trifle in the world and elevated her shoulders in a corresponding degree. Then she said: "Well, he isn't a bit like what I thought he was going to be—but I think he is quite nice. Did you ask him to dinner on Wednesday?"

"Sure," replied Kercheval. "You joined me in asking him, didn't you, why?"

"Oh, nothing. Only—I suppose, though he might as well come then as any other time."

Later, Mrs. Kercheval justified her lack of enthusiasm on the subject of Pugh on the ground that he did not seem to treat her husband with the consideration that she thought to be his due. She had been listening to them as they argued political questions, and it fired her soul with indignation to hear their visitor tell Clem that the noble, beautiful and logical sentiments and opinions he uttered emanated from a low order of intelligence or were "bumbo" and "rot." Further, she believed that Pugh, whose great fault was his contempt for all manner of frivolity, had led Clem into most of the mischief he had ever got into, and she thought that he might still have a dangerous influence over him.

That was only one case. None of the intimates seemed exactly to fit, for one reason or another. But there was one old friend that remained to Kercheval, unmoved by the dislike and even jealousy of his wife—remained to his joy, his pride and his solace, admittedly; that was his pipe. How long Kercheval had possessed that pipe none of his other friends knew. It had always been with him, his constant companion until he began to call on his wife. Then he left it at home in his regard for the proprieties, so that the first time that Mrs. Kercheval ever saw it was when he brought her home. It was perhaps the first thing that he showed her.

"Isn't it a beauty?" she asked, taking it from its scarred and stained case and giving it a tender rub with the silk handkerchief that he carried principally for that purpose. And Mrs. Kercheval, being then unaware of its contamination properties, as well as of the intimate love that Clem bore for it, said that it was too lovely for anything, begged him to smoke it then and there, lit it for him and finally remarked on the coziness of the general effect. With the various engaging accompaniments this little ceremony seemed almost sacred, so that in the time thereafter Mrs.

Kercheval, who prided herself on her consistency, held her peace.

It was nothing that the merechism was inanimate, that its jetty bowl bore no semblance of female face or figure or that Clem had bought it himself with his own pocket-money; the fact remained that Mrs. Kercheval had a feeling about it, undefined and unadmitted, but still a feeling. It was so absurd to see the care the man took of the horrid thing, the way he polished and caressed it and the pride with which he regarded it whenever he took it from his lips. And then his affection for it had existed long before he ever knew her—ages before. It had shared his life, if he had ever kept any, had soothed his melancholy moments, and had even, by the vaporous medium of its fumes, crept into his brain and inspired his thought. He said that he thought better when the thing was in his mouth, anyway. And then it seemed so abominable. And one time when she had stolen quietly behind him and thrown her arms round his neck he uttered an exclamation of horror and dismay because she had knocked the wretched pipe out of his mouth. It fell on the rug and did not break. She wished that it had, and then repented of the wish in sackcloth and ashes.

Through it all it might have been supposed that she had not the slightest animosity against the pipe. Once she did say that she believed he cared more for it than he did for her, but it was in a playful way and when he offered to give up smoking to please her, little supposing that it was the pipe that she did not like, she declined to accept the sacrifice so earnestly that she almost deceived herself.

It was not very long after that that Mrs. Kercheval was talking over the vice of smoking with a woman friend, who informed her that she cleaned her husband's pipes by boiling them in ammonia and water. The woman said that this rendered them sweet and clean, but she did not say what her husband thought of the process or whether he had stopped smoking pipes. At all events, Mrs. Kercheval thought: It would be a noble and worthy thing to treat Clem's pipe to a bath. True, it might increase his love for it, but she determined to repress the jealousy that she was beginning to acknowledge to herself. She had a prolonged mental struggle for a week over the matter and then she heroically put the pipe in an old saucepan and boiled it.

Kercheval came home and found her in tears and was as alarmed as may be imagined.

"You will never forgive me," she sobbed, "never in the world. I know you won't. But, O, Clem! I didn't mean to do it. I didn't have any idea. Please say that you will forgive me."

Kercheval calmed himself with a strong effort and inquired the cause of his wife's agitation, whereupon she produced the ghastly white, twisted, warped and swollen remains of the old friend.

"What is it?" asked Kercheval, turning it over curiously. "It looks something like a pipe."

"That's what it is," moaned Mrs. Kercheval. "It's your merechism. Oh! I can't begin to tell you how sorry I am about it, but I tried to clean it—I thought that it would please you—by boiling it in ammonia and water, but I didn't have any ammonia in the house and I used lye instead. Oh! don't look at me like that, Clem!"

It goes to show the influence a woman can exercise over a man. Kercheval actually laughed.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Money on call steady at 3/4 per cent; loan loan 3/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers bills at \$1 1/4 @ \$1 1/4 for demand and at \$1 1/4 @ \$1 1/4 for 60 days; postal rates \$1 1/4 @ \$1 1/4; commercial bills \$1 1/4 @ \$1 1/4. Silver certificates 6 1/2 @ 6 1/2. Bar silver 64 1/2. Mexican dollars 80c. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong.

To-day will prove a memorable one in the history of the stock exchange both by reason of the amount and the great variety of the business done. The aggregate number of shares of all stocks traded in footed up no less than 1,544,000 shares of listed issues and the number of different stocks dealt in amounted to 177 issues. There were none of the enormous individual transactions which showed in the excited trading and extensive buying of Wednesday. Neither was there the synchronous movement of the whole market which was so conspicuous on Wednesday, including the brief period of reaction after the first upward rush of prices.

To-day's market on the contrary was exceedingly varied and irregular all day and the furious activity continued without intermission or abatement from the opening until the close. The first transactions showed prices of some stocks pushing upward, while others yielded sharply to the pressure of realizing sales. Both movements proceeded with undiminished vigor and with entire disregard of the divergent tendencies at work. Different stocks and different groups of stocks were successively brought forward into the advance and successively yielded to the pressure of profit taking sales, while speculators rushed to another group, transferring their profit from one-quarter of the market to be invested in another. Nothing could be more characteristic of a genuine bull market in full swing and the fact that the rotation of the specu-

lation brought it around into the railroad group again before the day had elapsed added to the confident sentiment for the advance. At the opening and during the earlier part of the day, the railroad stocks were distinctly under pressure. Northern Pacific and the whole of the Pacific group as well as Pennsylvania ruled under last night's closing level. But under the sustaining influence of the strength in other points in the market the profit taking in the railroads, including continued heavy selling for London account proceeded without serious impairment of prices. The local traction group and the mercantile industrial, including Sugar and People's Gas, continued yesterday's upward rush for a time, and then succumbed to the reason of profit taking. Speculative interest shifted to the Steel stocks and ultimately carried most stocks in that group upward from 3 to over 5 points, the latter figure for Steel and Wire, which came late into the movement. The demand for these stocks and their gains were on the whole, the most conspicuous and well sustained of the day. The conifers advanced as a group, Reading first preferred leading with a gain of 2 1/2 per cent. They were followed by the granaries, Missouri Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, some of the Southern railroads and during the last hour Sugar and the Pacific generally. The forecasts of the weekly cash changes of the banks were not altogether reassuring, but as the call loan rate failed to give any warning indication of a scarcity of funds, the speculative activity was continued up to the close, but with some signs of uneasiness in prices. The course of the money has again turned toward the interior, and this, together with the revenue requirements, seems to have more than offset the receipts of gold. The loan item is looked to, to explain the status of the banks. The large funds offered during the week were in part due to the disbursement of quarterly dividends and interest money, but undoubtedly there were also large amounts released from other sources which had been tied up for safety over the election.

The bond market was strong, active and broad to a degree corresponding with that for stocks. Total sales par value \$4,680,000.

United States new 4 1/2 per cent and all other issues except the registered 3 1/2 per cent on the last call.

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